

Seminar*

Transforming Capitalisms and Evolving Economic Orthodoxies: Mechanisms of Ideational Change and Economic Expertise since the Crash

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12.30-2.30 pm

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Those who can make authoritative knowledge claims about the economy enjoy a privileged position within the intersubjective process of constructing economic rectitude. As capitalism has undergone upheavals in recent years, dominant ideas (about, for example, the efficacy of fiscal policy as a counter-cyclical tool) have shifted within authoritative economic expertise institutions. Focusing on first the IMF and then the UK Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), this paper analyses the historical contingency of economic orthodoxy, how ideational change happens in these institutions, and the implications for economic policy.



Speaker

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Before joining Warwick in 2003, Ben Clift lectured at Brunel University and Sheffield University. He currently holds a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship for a project entitled 'The OBR and the Politics of UK Growth amidst Brexit, Uncertainty and Austerity'. He is author of *The IMF and the Politics of Austerity in the Wake of the Global Financial Crisis* (Oxford University Press, 2018), *Comparative Political Economy: States, Markets and Global Capitalism* (Palgrave 2014), and *French Socialism in a Global Era* (Continuum 2003). He is co-editor of *Economic Patriotism: Political Intervention in Open Markets* (Routledge 2012) and *Where Are National Capitalisms Now?* (Palgrave 2004). He is associate editor of the journal *French Politics*.

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Discussion

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Key theme: *The transformations of Capitalism*